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Re:

Riverview Trenton Railroad Company - Acquisitions and Operations

Finance Docket No.: 34040

Petition for Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10901 to Acquire and Operate a

Rail Line in Wayne County, MI

Our File No.: 697

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and 10 copies of the Interim Status Report of Wayne County.

Thank you for your attention.

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Sincerely yours,

FINK, ZAUSMER & KAUFMAN, P.C.

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INTERIM STATUS REPORT OF WAYNE COUNTY

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#### INTERIM STATUS REPORT OF WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County respectfully submits this Interim Status Report for the purpose of refuting the unfounded allegations made by Riverview Trenton Railroad Company ("RTRR") in its Interim Status Report. There does not seem to be any purpose for RTRR's Interim Status Report other than attempting to cast Wayne County, Riverview and Trenton in a bad light for some undefined purpose. Wayne County adamantly denies that there has been any effort to delay these negotiations for reasons related to local elections or otherwise. The County has been working actively with counsel for Trenton and Riverview in order to find a mutually convenient date for an anticipated meeting with RTRR officials. A meeting has been set for August 13, 2002. Preliminary meetings have already taken place involving County and City officials in preparation for the anticipated meeting with RTRR. The County remains willing to move this process forward consistent with the Order of the Surface Transportation Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 6, 2002

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Joanne Hickey, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the day of August, 2002, she mailed a copy of Wayne County's Interim Status Report in the above-captioned matter to all parties of record by depositing said documents into a United States Post Office receptacle with the correct postage affixed thereto.